IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended)A compound of the formula 1 ±

$$R^{2}$$
 $N^{\pm 0}$
 R^{5}
 R^{5}
 R^{1}
 R^{1}
 R^{1}
 R^{2}
 R^{2}
 R^{2}
 R^{5}
 R^{5}
 R^{5}

wherein

in which

 R^1

- (i) is $-C_{1-10}$ -alkyl, straight-chain or branched-chain, optionally mono- or polysubstituted by -OH, -SH,
- -NH₂, -NHC₁₋₆-alkyl, -N(C_{1-6} -alkyl)₂, -NHC₆₋₁₄-aryl,
- $-N(C_{6\text{-}14}\text{-}aryl)_2, \ -N(C_{1\text{-}6}\text{-}alkyl)(C_{6\text{-}14}\text{-}aryl), \ -NO_2,$
- -CN, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -O-C₁₋₆-alkyl, -O-C₆₋₁₄-aryl, -S-C₁₋₆-alkyl, -S-C₆₋₁₄-aryl, -SO₃H, -SO₂C₁₋₆-alkyl,
- $-SO_2C_{6\text{-}14}\text{-}aryl, -OSO_2C_{1\text{-}6}\text{-}alkyl, -OSO_2C_{6\text{-}14}\text{-}aryl, \\$
- -COOH, -(CO)C₁₋₅-alkyl, -COO-C₁₋₅-alkyl, -O(CO)C₁₋₅-alkyl, by mono-, bi- or tricyclic saturated or mono- or polyunsaturated carbocycles with 3-14 ring members or/and by

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mono-, bi- or tricyclic saturated or mono- or polyunsaturated heterocycles with 5-15 ring members and 1-6 heteroatoms, which are preferably N, O and S,

where the C_{6-14} -aryl groups and the carbocyclic and heterocyclic substituents in turn may optionally be substituted one or more times by $-C_{1-6}$ -alkyl,

-OH, -NH₂, -NHC₁₋₆-alkyl, -N(C₁₋₆-alkyl)₂, -NO₂, -CN, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -O-C₁₋₆-alkyl, -S-C₁₋₆-alkyl,

-SO₃H, -SO₂C₁₋₆-alkyl, -OSO₂C₁₋₆-alkyl, -COOH,

-(CO)C₁₋₅-alkyl, -COO-C₁₋₅-alkyl or/and -O(CO)C₁₋₅-alkyl, and where the alkyl groups on the carbocyclic and heterocyclic substituents in turn may optionally be substituted one or more times by -OH, -SH, -NH₂, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -SO₃H or/and -COOH, or

(ii) is $-C_{2-10}$ -alkenyl, mono- or polyunsaturated, straight-chain or branched-chain, optionally mono- or polysubstituted by -OH, -SH, $-NH_2$, $-NHC_{1-6}$ -alkyl, $-N(C_{1-6}$ -alkyl)₂, $-NHC_{6-14}$ -aryl, $-N(C_{6-14}$ -aryl)₂, $-N(C_{1-6}$ -alkyl)($-N(C_{6-14}$ -aryl), $-NO_2$, $-N(C_{1-6}$ -alkyl), $-NO_2$, $-N(C_{1-6}$ -alk

where the C_{6-14} -aryl groups and the carbocyclic and heterocyclic substituents in turn may optionally be substituted one or more times by $-C_{1-6}$ -alkyl,

-OH, -NH₂, -NHC₁₋₆-alkyl, -N(C₁₋₆-alkyl)₂, -NO₂, -CN, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -O-C₁₋₆-alkyl, -S-C₁₋₆-alkyl, -SO₂C₁₋₆-alkyl, -OSO₂C₁₋₆-alkyl, -COOH, -(CO)C₁₋₅-alkyl, -COO-C₁₋₅-alkyl or/and -O(CO)C₁₋₅-alkyl,

and where the alkyl groups on the carbocyclic and heterocylic substituents in turn may optionally be substituted one or more times by -OH, -SH, -NH₂,

R² is hydrogen or -C₁₋₃-alkyl,

R³ is a hydroxyl group,

 R^4 and R^5 may be identical or different and are hydrogen, $-C_{1-6}$ -alkyl, -OH, -SH, $-NH_2$, $-NHC_{1-6}$ -alkyl, $-N(C_{1-6}$ -alkyl)₂, $-NO_2$, -CN, $-SO_3H$, $-SO_3$ - C_{1-6} -alkyl, -COOH, $-COO-C_{1-6}$ -alkyl, -O(CO)- C_{1-5} -alkyl, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, $-O-C_{1-6}$ -alkyl, $-S-C_{1-6}$ -alkyl, -phenyl or -pyridyl, where the phenyl or pyridyl substituents in turn may optionally be substituted one or more times by $-C_{1-3}$ -alkyl, -OH, -SH, $-NH_2$, $-NHC_{1-3}$ -alkyl, $-N(C_{1-3}$ -alkyl)₂, $-NO_2$, -CN, $-SO_3H$, $-SO_3C_{1-3}$ -alkyl, -COOH, $-COOC_{1-3}$ -alkyl, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, $-O-C_{1-3}$ -alkyl, $-S-C_{1-3}$ -alkyl,

-SO₃C₁₋₃-alkyl, -COOH, -COOC₁₋₃-alkyl, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -O-C₁₋₃-alkyl, -S-C₁₋₃-alkyl, or/and -O(CO)C₁₋₃-alkyl, and where the alkyl substituents in turn may optionally be substituted one or more times by -OH, -SH, -NH₂, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -SO₃H, -SO₃C₁₋₃-alkyl, -COOH, -COOC₁₋₃-alkyl, -O-C₁₋₃-alkyl, -S-C₁₋₃-alkyl or/and -O(CO)-C₁₋₃-alkyl,

or and salts thereof of the compounds of formula 1.

- 2. (currently amended) A compound as claimed in claim 1 having an at least one asymmetric carbon atom in the D form, the L form and D,L mixtures, and in the case of a plurality of asymmetric carbon atoms also the diastereomeric forms.
- 3. (currently amended) A compound as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein R^2 is hydrogen or a methyl group.
- 4. (currently amended) A compound as claimed in one of claims 1 to 4, claim 1 wherein at least one of R⁴ and R⁵ is a halogen atom.
- 5. (currently amended) A compound as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4 selected from the group consisting of:

N-(3,5-dichloro-1-oxopyridin-4-yl)-[1-(4-fluorobenzyl)-5-hydroxyindol-3-yl]glyoxylamide;

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N-(3,5-dichloro-1-oxopyridin-4-yl)-[1-(4-chlorobenzyl)-5-hydroxyindol-3-yl]glyoxylamide;

N-(1-oxopyridin-4-yl)-[1-(4-fluorobenzyl)-5-hydroxyindol-3-yl]glyoxylamide;

N-(3,5-dichloro-1-oxopyridin-4-yl)-[1-(2,4-dichlorobenzyl)-5-hydroxyindol-3-yl]glyoxylamide;

N-(3,5-dichloro-1-oxopyridin-4-yl)-[5-hydroxy-1-(3-nitrobenzyl)-indol-3-yl]glyoxylamide;

N-(3,5-dichloro-1-oxopyridin-4-yl)-[1-(2,6-difluorobenzyl)-5-hydroxyindol-3-yl]glyoxylamide;

N-(3,5-dichloro-1-oxopyridin-4-yl)-(5-hydroxy-1-isobutylindol-3-yl)glyoxylamide;

N-(3,5-dichloro-1-oxopyridin-4-yl)-(1-cyclopropyl-methyl-5-hydroxyindol-3-yl)glyoxylamide;

N-(3,5-dichloro-1-oxopyridin-4-yl)-[5-hydroxy-1-(4-hydroxybenzyl)-indol-3-yl]glyoxylamide;

N-(3,5-dichloro-1-oxopyridin-4-yl)-N-methyl-[1-(4-fluorobenzyl)-5-hydroxyindol-3-yl]glyoxylamide;

and physiologically tolerated salts thereof.

6. (currently amended) A The compound as claimed in any of claims 1 to 5 selected from: of claim 1 that is N-(3,5-Dichloro-1-oxopyridin-4-yl)-[1-(4-fluorobenzyl)-5-hydroxyindol-3-yl]glyoxylamide-and-physiologically tolerated salts thereof.

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7. (currently amended) A process for preparing <u>a compound of claim 1</u>, <u>comprising empounds of formula 1</u>, <u>which comprises</u> converting N-(pyridine-4-yl)-indol-3-ylglyoxylamides of <u>formula 2</u> <u>formula 2</u>

wherein R³ is -OR⁶, and R⁶ is a leaving group;

into the analogous N-(1-oxopyridin-4-yl)-indol-3-ylglyoxylamides of formula $\underline{1} \underline{1}$ by treatment with an oxidizing agent, and liberating the compounds of <u>formula 1</u> by eliminating a protective group.

- 8. (currently amended) The process as claimed in claim 7, wherein a peracid, in particular m-chloroperbenzoic acid or/and peracetic acid, is used as said oxidizing agent is at least one of a peracidor a peracetic acid.
- 9. (currently amended) The use of the compounds of formula 1 as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6 as therapeutic active ingredients for producing drug products for the treatment of disorders in which inhibition of A method of treating a disorder associated with phosphodiesterase 4 is therapeutically beneficial in a subject comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of the compound of claim 1 to a subject in need thereof.
- 10.(currently amended) The use of the compounds of formula <u>1</u> as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6 as therapeutic active ingredients for producing drug products for the treatment of disorders A method of treating a disorder associated with the effect of eosinophils

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in a subject comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 to the subject to treat the disorder associated with eosinophils.

11.(currently amended) The use of the compounds of formula 1 as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6 as therapeutic active ingredients for producing drug products for the treatment of disorders A method of treating a disorder associated with the effect of neutrophils comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 to the subject to treat the disorder associated with neutrophils.

12.(currently amended) The use of the compounds of formula 1 as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6 as therapeutic active ingredients for producing drug products for the treatment of A method of treating a hyperproliferative disorders in a subject comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 to the subject to treat the hyperproliferative disorder.

13.(currently amended) A drug product pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one compound one or more compounds as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6 in addition to claim 1 and at least one of a conventional physiologically tolerated carriers and/or diluents and excipients carrier, diluent and excipient.

pharmaceutically composition as claimed in claim 13, which comprises one or more compounds comprising admixing at least one compound as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6 being processed with at least one of a conventional pharmaceutical earriers and/or diluents and other excipients to pharmaceutical preparations, or being converted into a form which can be used therapeutically carrier, diluent and excipient.

15.(currently amended) The use of compounds of the general formula 1 as elaimed in any of claims 1 to 6 and/or of drug products as claimed in claim-13 alone or in combination with one another or in combination A method of treating a disorder in a subject comprising administering a compound according to claim 1 to a subject with at least one other active pharmaceutical ingredients agent.

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- 16.(new) A compound as claimed in claim 2 wherein R² is hydrogen or a methyl group.
- 17.(new) The compound of claim 1 that is a physiologically acceptable salt of N-(3,5-Dichloro-1-oxopyridin-4-yl)-[1-(4-fluorobenzyl)-5-hydroxyindol-3-yl]glyoxylamide.
- 18.(new) The process of claim 7, wherein said oxidizing agent is m-chloroperbenzoic acid.
- 19.(new) A method of treating a disorder in a subject comprising administering a pharmaceutical compositing according to claim 13 to a subject with at least one other active pharmaceutical agent.